Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Rotary International founded on February 23, 1905, in Chicago, Illinois, is the world's first and one of the largest non-profit service organizations; and,

Whereas, The Rotary motto "Service Above Self" inspires members to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards, and promote good will and peace in the world; and,

Whereas, Rotary funds club projects and sponsors volunteers with community expertise to provide medical supplies, health care, clean water, food production, job training, and education to millions in need, particularly in developing countries; and,

Whereas, Rotary is the world's largest privately-funded source of international scholarships and promotes international understanding through scholarships, exchange programs, and humanitarian grants; and,

Whereas, There are over 2,100 Rotary club members in more than 42 clubs throughout South Dakota and Rotary District 5610 sponsoring service projects to address such critical issues as poverty, health, hunger, illiteracy, and the environment in their local communities and abroad; and,

Whereas, Rotary, in 1985, launched Polio Plus and spearheaded efforts with the World Health Organization, United States Center for Disease Control, United Nations Children's Fund, and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to eliminate polio from the world resulting in a 99.5 percent drop in polio cases in the world so far; and,

Whereas, Rotary International is being recognized for its more than 105 years of service to improving the human condition in local communities and around the world:

Now, Therefore, I, Dennis Daugaard, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim February 23, 2012, as

ROTARY INTERNATIONAL DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Sixth Day of February in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Twelve.

Dennis Daugaard

Dennis Daugaard, Governor

Attest:

Jason M. Gant, Secretary of State